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Office Action Summary

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SAFARS ET AL.

Examiner

CESAR B PAULA

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 September 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 61-74 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 61-74 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the RCE filed on 9/26/01.

This action is made Non-final.

2. Claims 34-60 have been canceled. Claims 61-74 have been added and are pending in the case. Claim 61 is an independent claim.

Priority

3. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), and based on application # PCT/FR98/00917 filed in France on 5/6/1998, which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Drawings

4. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

Specification

5. Appropriate corrections have been made to the abstract, therefore its objection has been withdrawn

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 61 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Small et al, hereinafter Small (Pat.# 5,898,434, 4/27/99, filed on 8/22/94), in view of Kessenich et al., hereinafter Kessenich (Pat. # 6,034,680, 3/7/2000, filed on 4/30/1997).

Regarding independent claim 61, Small teaches the display of a book (col. 27, lines 10-67, and fig. 22). Small fails to explicitly disclose *organizing a multiplicity of electronic documents using a book metaphor so that the documents are arranged as pages in chapters*. Kessenich discloses a method for displaying and organizing books into categories and placing a central address or universal location for the accessing of these books in a library format (col.2, lines 60-67, col. 3, lines 1-12, and col. 8, lines 14-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have combined the teachings of Small, and Kessenich, because Kessenich teaches above the combination of multiple books in a carefully constructed educational context.

Moreover, Small teaches the creation of interface elements (of common programming architecture) for performing different operations related to the documents in which they are to be found (col. 3, lines 42-67). Small fails to explicitly disclose *providing in the electronic library an electronic catalog of further*. Kessenich discloses a method for displaying and organizing books into categories and placing a central address or universal location for the accessing of these books in a library format (col.2, lines 60-67, col. 3, lines 1-12, and col. 8, lines 14-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have combined the teachings of Small, and Kessenich, because Kessenich teaches above the combination of multiple books in a carefully constructed educational context.

Moreover, Small discloses the *copying* of programming interface elements—pagelets— from a well or catalog of elements, onto electronic pages for *performing a given function* (col. 10, lines 57-67, and col. 11, lines 1-67).

8. Claims 62-74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Small et al, hereinafter Small, in view of Kessenich, further in view of Weinberg et al, hereinafter Weinberg (Pat.# 5,924,108, 6/13/99, filed on 3/29/96), and further in view of Fein et al, hereinafter Fein (Pat. # 5,924,108, 7/13/99, filed on 3/29/96).

Regarding claim 62, which depends on claim 61, Small teaches the indexing and reorganization of document notes (col. 14, lines 28-51), the search and gathering of data (col. 13, lines 1-36), providing navigation information (col.15, lines 35-67), and the updating of data (col. 27, lines 10-37). Small fails to explicitly disclose *searching the internet and adding the search results as new pages, preparing summaries of one or more of the pages, performing statistical analyses, inserting new pages, automatically updating the electronic books*. Weinberg teaches the search, adding, performing statistical analyses, and updating of web pages to a web site (abstract, col.24, lines 47-67, col. 26, lines 32-67). Fein teaches the summarizing function for creating the summary of a document (col. 4, lines 29-67). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combine the teachings of Small, Weinberg, and Fein, because Weinberg teaches above the facilitation of web site management, and Fein discloses the automatic creation of summaries (col. 2, lines 42-46).

Claims 63-74 are directed towards a method for implementing the method found in claim 62, and are therefore similarly rejected.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 61-74 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. The Applicant remark that Kessenich et al do not the provision of an electronic library with books and with pagelets (p.5,L.7-23)

Conclusion

I. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Verteney et al. (Pat. # 5,341,293), Irons (Pat. # 6,192,165), Darnell et al. (Pat. # 5,596,700), and Haggard et al. (Pat. # 6,148,335).

II. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cesar B. Paula whose telephone number is (703) 306-5543. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EST).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon, can be reached on (703) 308-5186. However, in such a case, please allow at least one business day.

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